

1. (Amended) A multipole unit for a color picture tube comprising:

a support tube, a retaining ring and at least one magnetic ring,

a 1 wherein said at least one magnetic ring is attached to the support tube, and a spring element is provided between the retaining ring and a stop on the outer circumference of the support tube, and wherein said spring element acts in axial direction and is integrated in the stop or the retaining ring.

5. (Amended) A multipole unit according to claim 1, wherein the spring element comprises at least two spring legs which are uniformly distributed over the circumference of the support tube.

a 2 6. (Amended) A multipole unit according to claim 2, wherein the spring element comprises at least two spring legs which are uniformly distributed over the circumference of the support tube.

Please add the following new claims.

a 3 10. (New) A multipole unit according to claim 1, wherein the spring element comprises four legs which are uniformly distributed over the circumference of the support tube.

11. (New) A multipole unit according to claim 2, wherein the spring element comprises four spring legs which are uniformly distributed over the circumference of the support tube.

12. (New) A multipole unit for a color picture tube comprising:

a support tube having a stop on an outer circumference thereof,

a retaining ring,

a spring element, and

a³ at least one magnetic ring, wherein said at least one magnetic ring is attached to the support tube, and the spring element is provided between the retaining ring and the stop on the outer circumference of the support tube, and wherein

the spring element acts in axial direction and is integrated in one of the stop and the retaining ring.

13. (New) A multipole unit according to claim 12, wherein the spring element comprises at least one spring leg which is formed by an opening in the material of one of the retaining ring and the stop and which is provided with one of an axial extension and a portion of axially bent material at a free end thereof.

14. (New) A multipole unit according to claim 12, wherein the spring element comprises at least one spring leg which is provided in outwardly protruding projections of the retaining ring and which is arranged radially of the retaining ring.

15. (New) A multipole unit according to claim 13, wherein each spring leg of the spring element is provided in outwardly protruding projections of the retaining ring and is arranged radially of the retaining ring.

A³ 16. (New) A multipole unit according to claim 12, wherein the spring element comprises at least two spring legs which are uniformly distributed over the outer circumference of the support tube.

17. (New) A multipole unit according to claim 13, wherein the spring element comprises at least two spring legs which are uniformly distributed over the outer circumference of the support tube.

18. (New) A multipole unit according to claim 12, wherein the retaining ring comprises a threaded retaining ring, and wherein the support tube has a thread provided thereon, said thread being engaged by the threaded retaining ring.

19. (New) A color picture tube comprising a multipole unit that includes:
- a support tube having a stop on its outer circumference,
 - a retaining ring,
 - a spring element, and
 - at least one magnetic ring, wherein said at least one magnetic ring is attached to the support tube, and the spring element is provided between the retaining ring and the stop on the outer circumference of the support tube, and

Q3 wherein the spring element acts in axial direction and is integrated in one of the stop and the retaining ring.

20. (New) A color television set comprising a color picture tube including a multipole unit that includes:
- a support tube having a stop on its outer circumference,
 - a retaining ring,
 - a spring element, and
 - at least one magnetic ring, wherein said at least one magnetic ring is attached to the support tube, and the spring element is provided between the retaining ring and the stop on the outer circumference of the support tube, and
- wherein the spring element acts in axial direction and is integrated in one of the stop and the retaining ring.